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SUMMARY. THE ANTI-CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT CONTINUES TO DEVELOP BUT IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR THAT A SPECIFIC GROUP IN THE CURRENT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IS BEING TARGETED. THE MOVEMENT APPEARS BROADLY DEDICATED TO DEFENDING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND SEEMS TO BE EMBRACING SUCH ISSUES AS EDUCATION AND REGIONALISM VERSUS CENTRALISM. MEANWHILE CONTINUING SIGNS OF MEETINGS IN PEKING THAT ARE LIKELY RELATED TO PREPARATIONS FOR CONVENING THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS HAVE BEEN NOTED. ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE, PEKING IS GIVING HEAVY COVERAGE TO ALLEGED ARAB VICTORIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR AND CHARGING THAT CONTENTION FOR HEGEMONY BETWEEN THE U.S. AND USSR SUPERPOWERS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CURRENT CRISIS. CHINESE REACTION THUS FAR TO DEVELOPMENTS IN THAILAND HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS AND MODERATE, WITH PEKING APPARENTLY WAITING FOR THE DUST TO SETTLE BEFORE TAKING A MORE DEFINITE POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. ANTI-CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT
THE MOVEMENT TO CRITICIZE CONFUCIUS, LAUNCHED JUST BEFORE THE TENTH PARTY CONGRESS IN AUGUST, CONTINUES TO DEVELOP. NO NEW CLUES HAVE EMERGED WHICH WOULD POINT TO SPECIFIC INDIVIDUAL TARGETS IN THE CURRENT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP, BUT FACULTY MEMBERS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PEKING UNIVERSITY REPORTEDLY ARE ANXIOUS TO IDENTIFY SUCH A TARGET (PEKING 1207). THUS FAR, THE MOVEMENT STILL APPEARS TO BE A BROAD COUNTERATTACK IN DEFENSE OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (WR 38). EDUCATION POLICY HAS BEEN FEATURED IN THE ATTACK, AND THIS BEARS WATCHING BECAUSE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE BEING USED AS THE MAIN INSTRUMENT IN THE MOVEMENT, AND BECAUSE THE "PRO-CULTURAL REVOLUTION" FORCES HAVE TO DATE MADE THEIR MOST IMPRESSIVE SHOWING IN KNOCKING DOWN THE UNIVERSITY EXAM (WR 39; WR 34). ANOTHER AREA OF ATTACK IS OVER CENTRALISM VERSUS REGIONALISM, AND THE TRICKY OLD GAMBIT OF LIKENING MAO TO EMPEROR CHIN SHIH--WHO BY RUTHLESS METHODS FIRST UNITED CHINA--IS AGAIN BEING EMPLOYED IN MEDIA. THIS MAY BE AN ATTEMPT TO INSERT MAO MORE DEEPLY INTO THE MOVEMENT THAN

HE WOULD OPENLY AVOW (HONG KONG 10447).

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2. NPC AND LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES

USLO PEKING DURING THE WEEK REPORTED CONTINUING SIGNS OF MEETINGS IN PEKING (PEKING 1190) AND THESE ARE LIKELY RELATED TO PREPARATIONS FOR CONVENING THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS. AT THE SAME TIME, CENTRAL AND PROVINCIAL PRC LEADERS WERE ENGAGED WITH VISITORS. PREMIER CHOU BRIEFLY ACCOMPANIED THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TO HONAN, AND VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TOOK HIM ONWARD TO KWANGSI WHERE PROVINCE CHIEF AND NEW POLITBURO MEMBER WEI KUO-CHING WAS ON HAND AS THE HOST. IN CHEKIANG, PROVINCE CHIEF TAN CHI-LUNG PLAYED HOST TO A VISITING SWEDISH GENERAL.

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3. REHABILITEE ASSIGNED TO SHANSI

WANG CHIEN, ONE OF THE NINE FORMER TOP PROVINCIAL PARTY SECRETARIES REHABILITATED FOR THE TENTH CONGRESS, HAS BEEN GIVEN A JOB. ACCORDING TO AN OCTOBER 15 TAIYUAN BROADCAST, WANG IS NOW A CCP SECRETARY IN SHANSI. THE ASSIGNMENT RETURNS WANG TO THE PROVINCE HE SERVED IN AS SECOND SECRETARY AND GOVERNOR BEFORE THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. EARLIER THIS MONTH, FORMER ANHWEI FIRST SECRETARY LI PAO-HUA TURNED UP IN KWEICHOW (WR41), AND OTHERS IN THE GROUP OF NINE MAY ALSO BE DUE FOR PROVINCIAL ASSIGNMENTS.

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4. MIDDLE EAST

IN LETTERS TO THE PRESIDENTS OF EGYPT AND SYRIA ON OCTOBER 11,
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CHOU EN-LAI REPEATED THE CHARGE THAT THE U.S. AND THE USSR ARE EQUALLY TO BLAME FOR ARAB TROUBLES AND THAT ISRAELI AGGRESSION WAS THE OUTCOME OF THE POLICY "OF AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION PUSHED BY IMPERIALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IS INSEPARABLE FROM THE SUPPORT AND CONNIVANCE OF THE SUPERPOWERS." AN OCTOBER 15 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL SAID THAT "ARAB SUCCESSES HAVE BROKEN THE STALEMATE OF 'NO WAR, NO PEACE' BROUGHT ABOUT IN THE MIDDLE EAST BY THE TWO SUPERPOWERS IN THEIR OWN INTERESTS," THAT THE ARABS HAD ADVANCED "IN DISREGARD OF THE OBSTRUCTION AND OPPPOSITION OF THE SUPERPOWERS," AND THAT THE SUPERPOWERS NOW WANT THE ARABS "TO STOP THEIR FIGHTING, TO MANACLE THEM, AND LEAVE THEM AT THE MERCY OF THE AGGRESSORS." TO SUPPORT THE ANTI-SUPERPOWER ARGUMENT, NCNA (OCTOBER 16) REPORTED THE U.S. DECISION TO BEGIN SOME RESUPPLY OF ISRAEL "IN DEFIANCE OF STRONG WARNINGS BY THE ARAB COUNTRIES." IT HAD EARLIER NOTED THE EMIGRATION OF MORE SOVIET JEWS TO ISRAEL. THE HEAVY CHINESE NEWS COVERAGE OF THE FIGHTING HAS EMPHASIZED ARAB VICTORIES, THEIR CONTINUED HIGH MORALE, AND THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THE PALESTINIANS IN THE FIGHTING. THE PARTICIPATION OF OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES IN THE FIGHTING HAS BEEN PLAYED UP AS EXAMPLES OF ARAB UNITY. STATEMENTS FROM AFRICAN AND OTHER LEADERS SUPPORTING THE ARAB CAUSE HAVE ALSO BEEN REPORTED, AS HAS THE SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL BY SEVERAL AFRICAN

COUNTRIES. IN THE ONLY REPORT WE HAVE SEEN THUS FAR CONCERNING DIRECT CHINESE SUPPORT, THE HONG KONG COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER WEN WEI PAO (OCTOBER 14) QUOTED THE MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY REPORT THAT THE PRC AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO INFORMED EGYPT ON OCTOBER 12 THAT CHINA WOULD PROVIDE US \$10 MILLION AND 100,000 TONS OF WHEAT IN AID. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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5. THAILAND
PEKING THUS FAR HAS TAKEN A CAUTIOUS AND MODERATE LINE ON THE
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STUDENT MOVEMENT AND CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN THAILAND. NCNA CARRIED PRIMARILY FACTUAL REPORTS ON OCTOBER 13, 14, AND 15 BASED ON NEWS FROM WESTERN PRESS AGENCIES AND RADIO THAILAND. PEKING'S TREATMENT TO DATE IS IN MARKED CONTRAST TO THAT OF HANOI. THE DRV'S NHAN DAN OCTOBER 16 LINKED THAI DEVELOPMENTS TO DENUNCIATION OF THE U.S. BY ASSERTING THAT "THE NEO-COLONIALIST YOKE OF THE U.S." AND "THE TRAITOROUS ACTS OF THE THANOM-PRAPHAS CLIQUE" ARE "AT THE ORIGIN OF THE GROWING PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE OF THE THAI PEOPLE." LUMPING CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF "THE THAI PATRIOTIC ARMED FORCES UNDER TCP LEADERSHIP" AND WITH OTHER ALLEGED MANIFESTATIONS OF THE "SEETHING STRUGGLE" OF THE THAI PEOPLE AGAINST "NAKED FACISM" AND "THE U.S. AND THEIR STOOGES," HANOI DECLARED THAT EVENTS ARE PROVING THAT THAILAND WAS MOVING TOWARDS "A REALLY INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC STATE." CHINESE REPORTS SAID MERELY THAT THE STUDENTS HAD "FOUGHT BACK VALIANTLY" AGAINST THE "SAVAGE SUPPRESSION BY THAI TROOPS AND ARMED POLICE" AND "THAI AUTHORITIES." NCNA CARRIED NO CRITICISM OR DEROGATORY PORTRAYAL OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER AND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER NOR WAS THERE ANY MENTION OF THE U.S. OR THE TCP THERE HAS BEEN AS YET NO CHINESE COMMENT ON THE NEWLY INSTALLED THAI CABINET.

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6. U.S.

ACCORDING TO VARIOUS WESTERN AND JAPANESE PRESS ACCOUNTS, VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING ON OCTOBER 13 TOLD KATSUSHI FUJII, CHAIRMAN OF VISITING JAPANESE DIET GROUP, THAT TAIWAN CONSTITUTES AN OBSTACLE TO FURTHER PROGRESS IN CHINA-U.S. RELATIONS (TOKYO 13425)

MEANWHILE NCNA GAVE BRIEF, LOW-KEY AND FACTUAL COVERAGE OF VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW'S RESIGNATION. IN CONTINUATION OF HIS PRACTICE OF PERSONALLY MEETING WITH VARIOUS VISITING CHINESE-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI OCTOBER 15 FETED THE HUSBAND-WIFE PHYSICIST TEAM OF DR. CHIEN-SHIUNG WU AND ZSST CHIA-LU YUAN.

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7. CANADA

PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S OCTOBER 10-16 VISIT TO THE PRC APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN QUITE SUCCESSFUL FROM THE CANADIAN POINT OF VIEW IN ACCOMPLISHING THE LIMITED GOALS OTTAWA HAD PUT FORWARD. TRUDEAU AND CHOU EN-LAI TOASTED CANADIAN-PRC FRIENDSHIP WITH THE USUAL CONFIDENTIAL

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EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL. THE CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER MET WITH MAO TSE-TUNG, AGREEMENTS PREVIOUSLY NEGOTIATED ON TRADE AND SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES WERE SIGNED, AND THE TRUDEAUS WERE TAKEN TO SOME OF THE BEST TOURIST SPOTS IN CHINA. AGREEMENTS WERE ALSO APPARENTLY REACHED ON AN EXCHANGE OF CONSULATES GENERAL (ONE FOR THE PRC IN VANCOUVER AND ONE FOR CANADA IN A AS YET

UNNAMED CHINESE CITY) AND ON THE EMIGRATION TO CANADA OF SOME RELATIVES OF CANADIAN CITIZENS LIVING IN THE PRC. THE CHINESE PRESUMABLY DWELT AT SOME LENGTH IN THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF NATO AND THE INIQUITIES OF THE SUPERPOWERS. CHOU HIT THE SUPERPOWER ISSUE HARD IN HIS FIRST BANQUET TOAST TO TRUDEAU, BUT PERHAPS REFLECTING CANADIAN SENSITIVITIES HE DROPPED IT AT THE SECOND PUBLIC BANQUET.

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8. JAPAN

WITH OBVIOUS SATISFACTION, NCNA (OCTOBER 13) REPORTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO RESULTS ACHIEVED ON IMPORTANT QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE AND A SOVIET-JAPANESE PEACE TREATY DURING PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. IT SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN A "HEATED EXCHANGE" OVER THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE, THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO PROGRESS ON THE JOINT EXPLOITATION OF SIBERIAN RESOURCES, AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD FAILED TO "DRAG" THE JAPANESE INTO AN ASIAN SECURITY SYSTEM. NCNA CONCLUDED WITH PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S REMARK THAT "REAL FRIENDLY AND GOOD NEIGHBOR RELATIONS" BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE SOVIET UNION COULD NOT BE REALIZED SO LONG AS THE TERRITORIAL AND PEACE TREATY ISSUES REMAIN UNRESOLVED.

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9. CHILE

ACCORDING TO VARIOUS NEWS REPORTS THE PRC INFORMED THE CHILEAN AMBASSADOR TO PEKING ON OCTOBER 10 THAT IT NO LONGER RECOGNIZED HIS STATUS. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO A NOTE FROM THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO THE PRC STATING THAT THE AMBASSADOR'S CREDENTIALS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN. BOTH MOSCOW AND HANOI RADIO HAD CARRIED PORTIONS OF AMBASSADOR URIBE'S OCTOBER 1 STATEMENT THAT HE OPPOSED THE JUNTA AND INTENDED TO REMAIN IN PEKING AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PRO-ALLENDE RESISTANCE FORCE. MOSCOW WAS ALSO QUICK TO REPORT THE CHINESE ACTION AGAINST URIBE. ON OCTOBER 15 AP REPORTED FROM SANTIAGO THAT THE CHILEAN FOREIGN

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MINISTRY IS HOPEFUL SINO-CHILEAN RELATIONS WILL BE MAINTAINED AND INTENDS TO POST A NEW CHARGE TO PEKING VERY SOON.

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10. NATO

THE CHINESE CONTINUED THEIR PROPAGANDA SUPPORT FOR A STRONG COMMON DEFENSE EFFORT IN WESTERN EUROPE. AN NCNA (OCTOBER 9) REPORT ON RECENT NATO EXERCISES IN WEST GERMANY QUOTES GERMAN LEADERS' OPPOSITION TO UNILATERAL U.S. TROOPS WITHDRAWALS AND U.S. ARMY SECRETARY CALLAWAY'S REAFFIRMATION THAT THE U.S. WOULD CONTINUE TO STAND BY NATO. AN ITEM THE SAME DAY ON THE NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT QUOTED THE NEW PRIME MINISTER AS SAYING "GREECE HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAITHFUL TO HER ALLIANCES." REPORTS ON NORWAY'S POLICIES (NCNA OCTOBER 10 AND 12) AND THE BRITISH CONSERVATIVE PARTY ANNUAL CONFERENCE (OCTOBER 13) EMPHASIZED THAT THE SOVIET THREAT TO

WESTERN EUROPE HAS NOT CEASED AND THAT DEFENSE EFFORTS MUST THUS
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